

CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard C. Tufaro
Staff Assistant to the Interagency
Classification Review Committee

SUBJECT: Top Secret Classifying Authorities

Mr. William E. Colby, Chairman, CIA Information Review Committee, has asked that I respond to your letter of 6 October 1972. As you know, at the first meeting of the Interagency Classification Review Committee, it was agreed by Ambassador Eisenhower and Mr. Houston that because of the security problems inherent in the release of lists of names of CIA employees the Agency would retain its lists within our installation, for inspection as required. Further, there might be some security implications in direct communication by Ambassador Eisenhower with some of our Top Secret classifiers who are under various covers. Accordingly, it would not be appropriate for Ambassador Eisenhower to mail his letter directly to our employees. But we would be glad to transmit his letter to each of our Top Secret classifiers by either of the following methods you may prefer, or by some other means:

- a. You provide us with the basic text in a master form signed by Ambassador Eisenhower and we will distribute to our Top Secret classifiers; or,
- b. You provide us with 797 letters signed by Ambassador Eisenhower and we will distribute those to our Top Secret classifiers.


Special Assistant for Information Control

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